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SUBJ: NASA REQUEST FOR FREQUENCY INFORMATION ON SOVIET MARS MISSIONS

1. REQUEST SCIATT PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. NAUGLE, NASA, TO INTERKOSMOS FOR ACADEMICIAN PETROV.

2. QUOTE. NASA IS CURRENTLY INITIATING X-BAND ACTIVITIES IN THE 8400-8500 MHZ RANGE AT ITS GOLDSTONE FACILITIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE MARINER VENUS-MERCURY MISSION THIS FALL.

3. SINCE THE SOVIET MARS-3 SPACECRAFT AT THE PARIS AIR SHOW EXHIBITED WHAT APPEARD TO BE AN X-BAND WAVEGUIDE AND SINCE YOU ALSO ARE AUTHORIZED THE USE OF FREQUENCIES IN THE 8400-8500 MHZ REGION, WE PLAN TO ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE YOUR MARS 4,5,6,6 PROBES TO CALIBRATE OUR EQUIPMENT AN TECHNIQUES ON THE CHANCE THAT THESE FREQUENCIES ARE IN FACT IN USE.

4. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY HELPFUL INFORMATION
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YOU COULD GIVE US FOR THESE EXERCISES, SUCH AS ANY

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ACTUAL X-BAND FREQUENCIES IN USE, POINTING INFORMATION, TIMES OF TRANSMISSION, AND TELEMETRY CLABIRATIONS. NATURALLY, WE WILL NOT USE ANY SUCH INFORMATION TO ANTICIPATE YOUR OWN FIRST REPORTING TO THE PUBLIC OF THE EVENTS OR RESULTS OF YOUR MISSION. ANY INFORMATION WE RECEIVE WOULD OF COURSE BE AVAILABLE TO YOU.

5. IF WE CAN IN ANY WAY ASSIST OR SUPPLEMENT YOUR COVERAGE OF YOUR MISSIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW. IF WE ARE ABLE, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO. THE SOVIET LAUNCHING OF FOUR FLIGHTS TO MARS IS AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR WHICH WE CONGRATULATE YOU MOST CORDIALLY. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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